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August 2020 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 6

Statistical Data Report for August 2020, Released October 2020

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in August in 41 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 7 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. All 50 states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier. The national unemployment rate fell by 1.8 percentage points over the month to 8.4 percent but was 4.7 points higher than in August 2019.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 40 states and was essentially unchanged in 10 states and the District of Columbia in August 2020. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 49 states and the District and was essentially unchanged in 1 state.

Nevada had the highest unemployment rate in August, 13.2 percent, followed by Rhode Island, 12.8 percent, and Hawaii and New York, 12.5 percent each. Nebraska had the lowest rate, 4.0 percent, followed by Utah, 4.1 percent, and Idaho, 4.2 percent. In total, 29 states had jobless rates lower than the U.S. figure of 8.4 percent, 10 states had higher rates, and 11 states and the District of Columbia had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne Counties

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): August 2020

U.S. - 8.4%

Illinois - 11%

Indiana - 6.4%

Kentucky - 7.6%

Michigan - 8.7%

Ohio - 8.9%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): August 2020

#3 - Fayette (8.4%)

#7 - Delaware (7.2%)

#17 - Wayne (6.6%)

#19 - Blackford (6.4%)

#34 - Randolph (5.9%)

#42 - Henry (5.7%)

#68 - Rush (4.9%)

#72 - Jay (4.8%)

#81 - Union (4.6%)

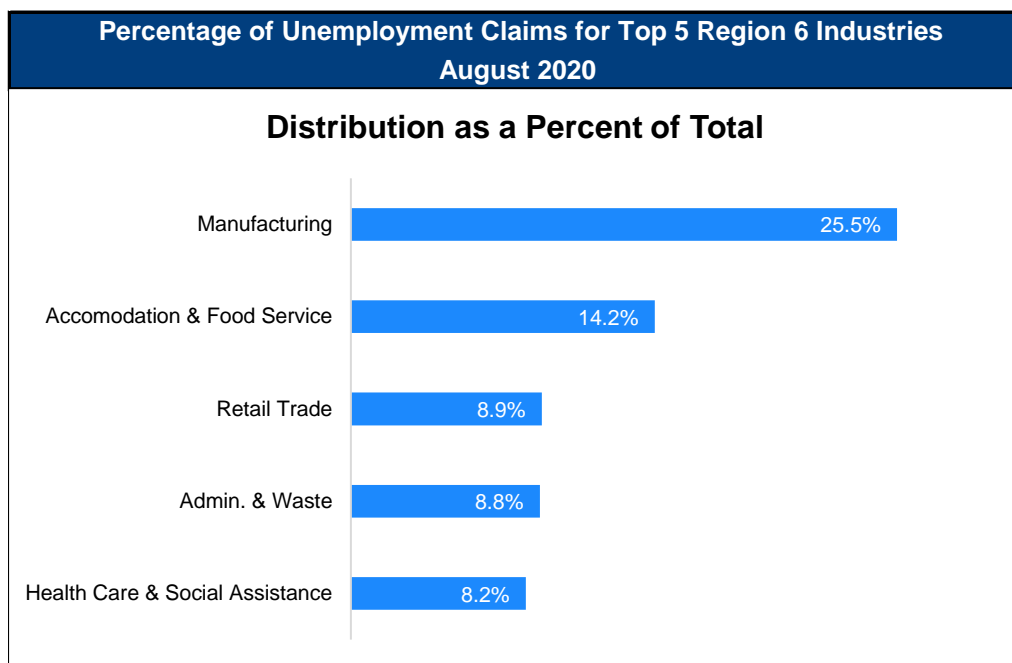
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

August 2020 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19
U.S.	160,966,000	147,224,000	13,742,000	8.5%	10.5%	3.8%
IN	3,364,666	3,147,142	217,524	6.5%	8.0%	3.4%
EGR 6	149,635	139,982	9,653	6.5%	7.6%	3.7%
Muncie MSA	51,395	47,703	3,692	7.2%	8.3%	4.1%
Blackford Co.	4,719	4,419	300	6.4%	7.2%	3.8%
Delaware Co.	51,395	47,703	3,692	7.2%	8.3%	4.1%
Fayette Co.	8,625	7,897	728	8.4%	10.9%	5.2%
Henry Co.	22,241	20,972	1,269	5.7%	6.8%	3.2%
Jay Co.	8,826	8,401	425	4.8%	5.5%	3.0%
Randolph Co.	11,092	10,443	649	5.9%	6.8%	3.7%
Rush Co.	8,796	8,369	427	4.9%	5.8%	2.7%
Union Co.	3,425	3,268	157	4.6%	6.2%	3.3%
Wayne Co.	30,516	28,510	2,006	6.6%	7.7%	3.7%
Connersville	4,486	3,989	497	11.1%	14.0%	6.2%
Muncie	29,906	27,459	2,447	8.2%	9.5%	4.5%
New Castle	7,751	7,199	552	7.1%	8.6%	3.2%
Richmond	15,130	13,864	1,266	8.4%	9.7%	4.3%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 09/20 | Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to August 2020 from				
CPI Item	Aug-19	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	1.3%	0.3%	1.1%	0.4%
Food & Beverages	4%	0.1%	2.9%	-0.3%
Housing	2.1%	0.2%	2%	0.3%
Apparel	-5.9%	1.8%	-7.7%	1.2%
Transportation	-4.1%	0.8%	-3.4%	1.2%
Medical Care	4.5%	0.1%	4.3%	0.5%
Recreation	1.3%	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%
Education & Communication	2.3%	0.4%	2.7%	0.4%
Other Goods & Services	2.2%	-0.2%	1.7%	-0.7%

*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin | Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 6 for August 2020				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date
Hickory Springs Manufacturing	New Castle	Henry	59	8/5/2020

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices | For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<https://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsheet/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims: August 2020

Region 6

Initial Claims

08/01/20 - 654
08/08/20 - 559(D)
08/15/20 - 686(D)
08/22/20 - 502(D)
08/29/20 - 521(D)

Continued Claims

08/01/20 - 6,384
08/08/20 - 6,073
08/15/20 - 5,756
08/22/20 - 5,349
08/29/20 - 5,067

Total Claims

08/01/20 - 7,038
08/08/20 - 6,632
08/15/20 - 6,442
08/22/20 - 5,851
08/29/20 - 5,588

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

08/01/20 - 12,551
08/08/20 - 10,624
08/15/20 - 11,569
08/22/20 - 10,597
08/29/20 - 10,779

Continued Claims

08/01/20 - 199,336
08/08/20 - 183,083
08/15/20 - 170,341
08/22/20 - 164,569
08/29/20 - 158,742

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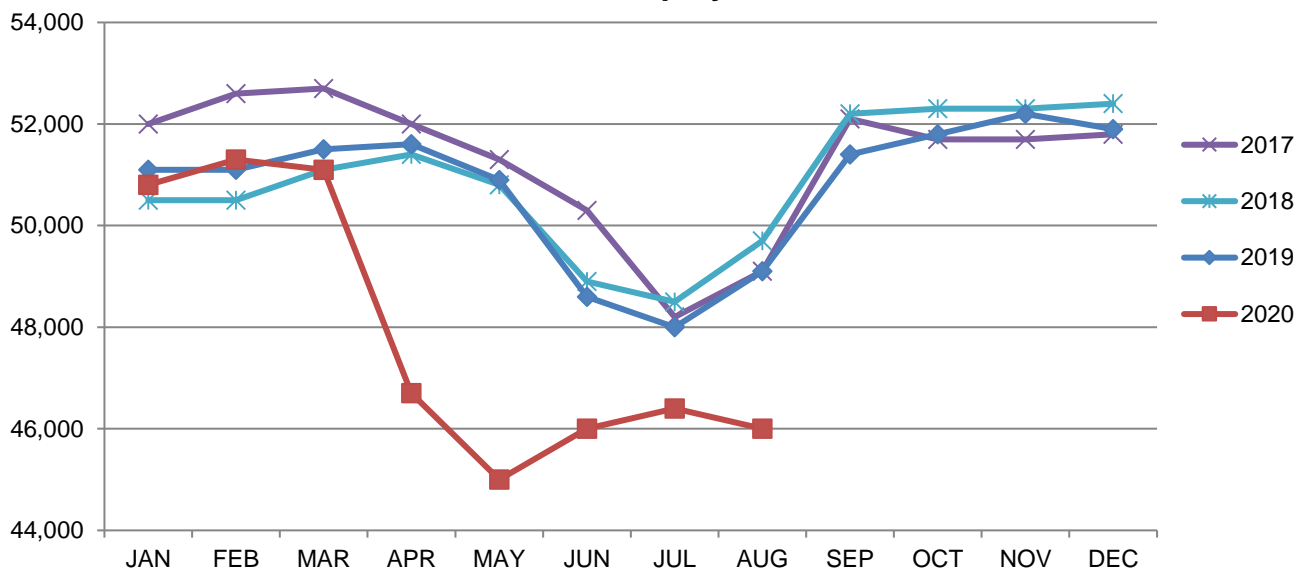
08/01/20 - 211,887
08/08/20 - 193,707
08/15/20 - 181,910
08/22/20 - 175,166
08/29/20 - 169,521

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Muncie MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	August 2020			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20 to Aug-20		Aug-19 to Aug-20	
Total Nonfarm	46,000	46,400	49,100	-400	-0.9%	-3,100	-6.3%
Total Private	36,600	36,900	38,500	-300	-0.8%	-1,900	-4.9%
Goods Producing	5,500	5,500	5,900	0	0.0%	-400	-6.8%
Service-Providing	40,500	40,900	43,200	-400	-1.0%	-2,700	-6.3%
Private Service Providing	31,100	31,400	32,600	-300	-1.0%	-1,500	-4.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	4,000	0	0.0%	-300	-7.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,200	8,200	8,400	0	0.0%	-200	-2.4%
Wholesale Trade	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	0.0%	-200	-3.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,400	2,300	2,400	100	4.4%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	8,700	8,600	9,000	100	1.2%	-300	-3.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	9,400	9,500	10,600	-100	-1.1%	-1,200	-11.3%
State Government	5,800	6,300	6,700	-500	-7.9%	-900	-13.4%
State Government Educational Services	5,600	6,100	6,500	-500	-8.2%	-900	-13.9%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,200	2,900	3,600	300	10.3%	-400	-11.1%
Local Government Educational Services	1,900	1,600	2,100	300	18.8%	-200	-9.5%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,300	1,300	1,500	0	0.0%	-200	-13.3%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Muncie MSA Employment Trends



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings in Region 6 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs
2	Registered Nurses
3	Customer Service Representatives
4	Financial Specialists, All Other
5	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
6	Production Workers, All Other
7	Tellers
8	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
9	Teacher Assistants
10	Nursery Workers
11	Retail Salespersons
12	Food Preparation Workers
13	Nursing Assistants
14	Social and Human Service Assistants
15	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School
16	Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors
17	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
18	Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other
19	Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary
20	Computer Network Support Specialists

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	3,734
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	2,682
Helpers--Production Workers	1,719
Cashiers	1,137
Customer Service Representatives	1,050
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,022
Office Clerks, General	704
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	672
Nursing Assistants	597
Team Assemblers	594
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	562
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	544
Packers and Packagers, Hand	541
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	540
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	535
Managers, All Other	532
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	514
Retail Salespersons	510
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	502
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	486

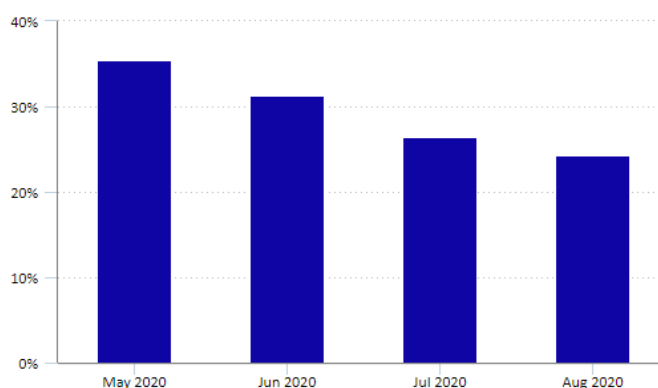
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One-Quarter of the Employed Teleworked in August 2020 Because of COVID-19 Pandemic

(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economic Daily*)

About 1 in 4 people employed in August 2020 teleworked or worked from home for pay because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 24 percent of workers who teleworked in August was down from 35 percent in May, the first month these data were collected.

Percent of employed people who teleworked at some point in the last 4 weeks because of the COVID-19 pandemic

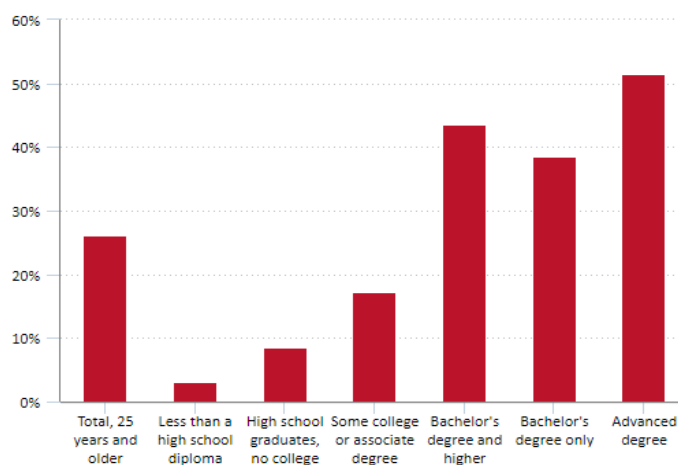


The likelihood of teleworking fell from May to August, but the patterns across the demographic groups and other worker characteristics were generally similar over the months. In August, 27 percent of women teleworked because of the pandemic, compared with 22 percent of men. Telework was more common among Asians (43 percent in August) than Whites (23 percent), Blacks (21 percent), and Hispanics (16 percent).

Younger workers were less likely than older workers to have teleworked because of the pandemic. In August, 11 percent of employed people under age 25 had teleworked because of the pandemic, compared with 27 percent of workers ages 25 to 54 and 23 percent of workers age 55 and older.

Workers with higher levels of educational attainment were more likely to have teleworked because of the pandemic. Among employed people age 25 and older in August, only 3 percent of those with less a high school diploma teleworked, compared with 44 percent of those with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Percent of employed people 25 years and older who teleworked at some point in the last 4 weeks because of the COVID-19 pandemic by educational attainment, August 2020



These data are from the Current Population Survey and are not seasonally adjusted. Beginning in May 2020, the Bureau of Labor Statistics added questions to the Current Population Survey to help gauge the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the labor market. A summary of the impact of the pandemic on the monthly Employment Situation also is available. These data refer to employed people who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the past 4 weeks specifically because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This does not include those whose telework was unrelated to the pandemic, such as employed people who worked entirely from home before the pandemic. People whose ethnicity is Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

County Unemployment Rates August 2020



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